combinations of Tranquilizers with Vitamins would be referred to experts for their opinion. Necessary action on the recommendations of experts, would be taken in consultation with the Drugs Technical Advisory Board, a statutory Board under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.

It is not possible to anticipate the views of the experts, hence Government is not in a position to make any commitment.

Participation of Civil Servants at investors party

650. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Sunday Mail of January 15th—21st 1989 regarding presence of top Civil Servants at blacklisted industrialists/investors party;

(b) if so, whether participation in such parties is contrary to standing orders in this regard; and

(c) whether any disciplinary action has been initiated on such indiscipline and indiscretion by top Civil Servants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Manufacture of Boeing aircraft by HAL

561. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government have any proposal under their consideration for expansion of the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited to manufacture aircraft like Boeing 737 and 747 for the use of our airlines and also for international market;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) There are no proposals at present to expand Hindustan Aeronautics Limited for the manufacture of such aircraft.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) On techno-economic consideration, it has not been considered till now.

Indian Scientific community's access to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration

652. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United States Government do not permit the Indian Scientific community to have access to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Database;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such restriction does not apply to Pakistan in any way;

(c) whether the University researchers (NRI Specialists) have freedom to present their work including computer software, in certain areas of basic research in conferences and symposia;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Indo-US Joint Scientific Committee on Aeronautics, which includes NRI specialists in the field, has not been able to find ways of access to the Aerospace Database; and

(e) if so, what steps the Government of India propose to take so that the U.S. permits the Indian Scientific community to have access to the NASA Database?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) (d) and (e) While unclassified NASA reports in some of the areas are available in India, there is no arrangement existing at present for access to NASA Data Base in its Machine-Readable form, Negotiations with NASA on this issue are continuing.

(b) and (c) Government is not aware.

Setting up of a Malaria Research Institute in Andhra Pradesh

653. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a Malaria Research Institute in Andhra Pradesh with the aid of International Malaria Research Centre; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) There is no proposal under consideration of the Govt of India to set up a Malaria Research Institute in Andhra Pradesh with the aid of International Malaria Research Centre.

(b) The question does not arise.

Monitoring of Ads cases in Tamil Nadu

654. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the monitoring system established by the Central Government to detect AIDS cases in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether it is a fact that no modern AIDS detection equipment has been given to Tamil Nadu; and

(c) the steps being taken to set up AIDS detection centres and other preventive measures in that state?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) Three Surveillance centres including one referral centre have been established in Tamil Nadu by the ICMR in consultation with the State Govt. to undertake screening of persons belonging to high risk groups, blood donors and foreigners for the presence of HIV antibodies.

The test kits are regularly being supplied by the ICMR to these centres. In addition Govt. of India has released a sum of Rs. 15.38 lakhs for organising screening of blood donors and establishment of AIDS Unit, for clinical management of AIDS patients at Madras Medical College, Madras. The equipment required for the AIDS Unit to conduct the above activities are :—

(i) Respirators
(ii) Monitoring Units
(iii) Ultrasound Nebulizers
(iv) Complete set of endoscopes with light source
(v) Bronchoscope with light source
(vi) Small autoclaves.

Supply of Dry Ration to Card holders of Army Staff

655. SHRI JERLIEE TARIANG: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1455 given in the Rajya on the 22nd November, 1988 and state:

(a) whether the supply of dry and fresh ration, viz., vegetables, eggs, meat etc. to the ration card holders of army staff by Army ration shop (DID) Safdarjang Road New Delhi on cash